THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a)and (b) The Government of Goa had imported three prints and other allied material of a film titled 'Golden Goa under a regular airway bill and had filed necessary Bill of Entry No. 115 dated 22-1-87 for clearance of the same at Goa Custom House. Since no import licence was produced; a show cause notice was issued by the Additional Collector of Customs and Central Excise, Goa to the Government of Goa on 9-7-1987 for allegedly importing the said goods without a valid import licence. As the film had been certified to be a predominantly educational character and import was purely for governmental purposes; the Government have since exempted the imported prints from payment of customs duty and from the requirement of producing an import licence, it is not a fact that the prints were imported surreptitiously wih-out payment of customs duty and that some prints were seized.

(c) Necessary foreign excnange amounting to US Dolars 1,56,768/-was released by the Reserve Bank of India.

House Tax in Delhi

3366. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) at what rate the tax on houses and property is being charged and collected at present in various parts of Delhi and New Delhi alongwith Gautam Nagar, Green Park, Safder-jang area;

(b) what was the rate during the period lst January, 1985 to 31st December, 1986 and during lst January; 1976 to 31st December, 1984;

(c) how much amount was collected from the above areas during the above periods; and

(d) how much amount is likely to be collected during lst January, 1987 to 31st December, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) In the urban areas falling in the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation of Delhi since 1986-87 the rate of general tax on residential properties various from 10 per cent to 39 per cent of the rateable value of the property. During the period 1976 to 1984, varying rates within the range of 10 per cent to 30 per cent, were levied.

(c) and (d) The M.C.D, is not maintaining figures of area-wise collection of house tax.

Review of the Policy regarding pension to freedom fighters

3367. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to review the policy regarding pensions to freedom fighters in view of the varioug complaints being received in regard to bogus applicants; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Every efforts is made to sanction pension to genuine freedom fighters after proper verification and scrutiny of the documents/claims submitted by the applicants through the respective State Government. There is a system to look into the cases of complaint with the help of the State Governments concerned or the Central agencies, wherever necessary, of